

READING COMPREHENSION

A source of national pride

Sadio Mané is a Senegalese professional footballer **who** plays for Al Nassr (Saudi Arabia), and for the Senegal national team **which** is called the “Lions de la Téranga”.



He started his career at the famous Senegalese football academy Generation Foot **where** his good performance leads him to FC Metz. He had a difficult first year in France that’s why he moved to the Red Bull Salzburg (Austria), the following year.

2013-14 is the season **when** he won the domestic league and cup. Mané **whose** 45 goals in two years caught the eye of specialists, earned a transfer to Southampton, in the English Premier League.

In 2016, Mané joined Liverpool FC **which** he helped reach, one after the other, UEFA Champions League Finals in 2018 and 2019, winning the latter. He also finished as the league's joint top goal scorer in the 2018-19 season. It’s also the year **when** he was named African Footballer of the Year. Then he made a short passage in Bayern Munich (Germany).

Mané **who** netted 32 goals with les “Lions de la Téranga”, currently ranks as Senegal’s first all-time top goal-scorer, one goal ahead Henry Camara. He is also remembered as the one **whose** penalty shoot gave Senegal its 1st continental trophy.

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A/ Are these statement true or false? Justify by quoting the text.

1. Sadio Mané debuted his professional career in France.

2. He stayed one year in FC Metz.

3. Mané netted more than forty goals in the season 2013-14.

4. The Austrian club sold him to a club in England.

5. Mané scored thirty-two goals in the season 2018-19.

B/ Answer these questions.

6. What's Mané's training club?

7. In how many countries has he played as a professional?

8. When did he win the African Ballon D'or?

9. How many goals did Henry Camara score with the national team?

C/ Vocabulary: Find in the box the synonyms of the words in the text.

association/ period/ college/ well-known/ local/ consecutive

- a) famous → _____
- b) academy → _____
- c) domestic → _____
- d) league → _____
- e) → one after the other _____
- f) season → _____



D/ Referencing: what do these words refer to?

10. who (footballer **who** plays) = _____

11. which (**which** is called) = _____

12. where (**where** his good) = _____

13. when (**when** he won) = _____

E/ Circle the correct option.

14. June 4th is the day (**when/ where**) Mané became Senegal's first all-time top goal-scorer.

15. Klopp is the coach (**that/ which**) recruited Mané in 2016.

16. The coach preference for Salah may be the reason (**which/ why**) Mané left Liverpool.

17. Allianz Arena is the stadium (**where/ which**) Bayern Munich plays its home games.

18. Leroy Sané (**who/ whose**) father is Souleymane Sané, was Mané's teammate.